

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and is clearly not serving the public good and motivated by personal beliefs. They have no right to inflict their opinions on the public airwaves as 'news', particularly when they have used the excuse of 'obligation to the public good' to restrict their viewers from real, factual news. If they won't show actual soldiers killed in the Iraq war, they have no business showing a documentary which is NOT commonly accepted as fact and is CLEARLY inflammatory.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.